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George W. Harley, Esquire,
1657 1/2 Chester Avenue,
Bakersfield, California.

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My dear Mr. Harley:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 27, calling attention to the case of the United States of America, Appellant, v. Title Insurance and Trust Company, et al., wherein the Supreme Court of the United States on June 9, 1934, held that the El Tejon Indians had no legal right or interest in and to the portion of the El Tejon Rancharia, on which they were residing.

The statements and suggestions contained in your letter have been considered in the light of the opinion referred to and of the information relative to these Indians contained in our records. As the owners of the El Tejon Rancharia permit the Indians to reside peacefully on the lands occupied by them for a rental of \$1.00 per year, it is not believed that the existing relationship should be disturbed at this time; nor is it deemed advisable to ask Congress for legislation such as you suggest, especially as it would necessitate the appropriation of a large sum of money to pay for the lands involved.

Sincerely yours,

William Zimmerman, Jr.
ASSISTANT

Commissioner.

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